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Claims 1-21 (cancelled).

22. (New) A snap fastening suitable for mounting fittings, such as socket wrench latches, swivel lever latches, hinge parts, handles, in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps an outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface against spring force, a free end of these holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said body part, holding element and a spring generating the spring force being separate parts; and

said holding elements being levers which are arranged at a distance from the thin wall so as to be rotatable around an axis extending perpendicular to the plane of the thin wall.

23. (New) A snap fastening suitable for mounting fittings, such as socket wrench latches, swivel lever latches, hinge parts, handles, in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its outer surface against spring force, the free end of these holding elements being provided with

an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said body part, holding element and a spring generating the spring force being separate parts;

said holding elements being slides which are arranged so as to be displaceable in a cylinder that is parallel to the plane of the thin wall and is rectangular in cross section; and

said slides being held against pressure spring force by a hook arrangement locking between the slides or in the cylinder.

24. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 22, wherein when the two diametrically oppositely arranged holding elements are loaded to different extents, such as when a sash is used, the holding element upon which the smaller load is exerted is made of flexible plastic such as polyamide and the other holding element, upon which the greater load is exerted, is made of rigid material such as metal.

25. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 23, wherein when the two diametrically oppositely arranged holding elements are loaded to different extents, such as when a sash is used, the holding element upon which the smaller load is exerted is made of flexible plastic such as polyamide and the other holding element, upon which the greater load is exerted, is made of rigid material such as metal.

26. (New) A snap fastening suitable for mounting fittings, such as socket wrench latches, swivel lever latches, hinge parts, handles, in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part and are flexible in direction of its

outer surface against spring force, a free end of these holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall;

said body part, holding element and a spring generating the spring force being separate parts; and

said holding elements being slides comprising a rigid material such as metal which are arranged so as to be displaceable in a cylinder which is parallel to the plane of the thin wall and is rectangular in cross section and being held against pressure spring force by a pin arrangement that is arranged between the slides.

27. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 26, wherein the pin arrangement comprises screws that can be screwed into the head part.

28. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 27, wherein the screws determine the extent of the movement of the holding elements.

29. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 23, wherein the cylinder has a partial dividing wall or undercut or opening edge at which slides are supported axially by a shoulder or hook.

30. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 26, wherein the cylinder has a partial dividing wall or undercut or opening edge at which slides are supported axially by a shoulder or hook.

31. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 22, wherein the fitting is a swivel lever latch or a folding lever latch for fastening in an elongated opening or in two shorter rectangular openings, wherein one opening receives a lever bearing and the other opening receives a lever stop, wherein at least one of the openings also serves to receive at least one body part with holding element according to claim 22.

32. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 31, wherein the swivel lever latch or folding lever latch has a dish that is suitable for receiving the actuating lever in a lockable manner, wherein the dish forms the head part of one or two body parts with holding elements in the area of the lever bearing such as a drive shaft.

33. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 31, wherein the swivel lever latch or folding lever latch has a dish for receiving the actuating lever in a lockable manner, wherein the dish forms the surface behind which the cam of a lever stop engages on the one hand and forms the head part of a body part with holding elements in the area of the lever stop on the other hand.

34. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 31, wherein the holding elements are formed by slides which are held so as to be displaceable and whose movement axis lies perpendicular to the longitudinal extension of the dish.

35. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 22, wherein the fitting is a hinge part.

36. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 22, wherein the head part has an offset in the region of the holding element for receiving edge bulges.

37. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 22, wherein two or more holding elements are arranged successively.

38. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 22, wherein the body part and head part are injection molded so as to form one piece.

39. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 22, wherein the body part and head part are two parts which are screwed, welded, or snapped together.

40. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 22, wherein supporting elements are provided for supporting the holding elements after the fitting is mounted in the thin wall, these supporting elements being held or carried by the body part.

41. (New) The snap fastening according to claim 22, wherein two holding elements which are arranged diametrically opposite from one another are supported by spring arrangements such as spiral springs.

42. (New) A snap fastening suitable for mounting fittings, such as socket wrench latches, swivel lever latches, hinge parts, handles, in openings in a thin wall, comprising:

a head part which is to be arranged on one, outer side of the thin wall and which overlaps the outer rim of the opening;

a body part which proceeds from the head part and projects through the opening in the mounted position;

holding elements which project from the body part, and are flexible in direction of its outer surface against spring force, a free end of these holding elements being provided with an inclined surface for supporting the body part without play on the rim or edge of the opening of the other, inner side of the thin wall, wherein the body part, holding element and a spring generating the spring force are separate parts; and

said holding elements being levers which are arranged at a distance from the thin wall so as to be rotatable around an axis extending parallel to the plane of the thin wall.